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REMARKS

As to the Examiner's objection to the Abstract on page 2 of the Office Action, such is not understood, as the Abstract as filed only has about 110 words, which is well below the 150 word limit which the Examiner says Applicant's Abstract exceeds.

Thus, the Examiner is requested to reconsider the Abstract, as filed, and to withdraw the objection to the Abstract.

As to the rejection of the claims under 35 USC Section 101, the Patent Examiner is requested to elaborate on the rejection, as applicant requires additional detail in order to reply to the Section 101 rejection.

Still further, the Examiner is likewise requested to provide a more detailed rejection of the claims under 35 USC Section 112, 2nd paragraph, so that all issues may be addressed during the requested personal interview with the Examiner.

As to the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC Section 102, and the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 USC Section 103,

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reconsideration of those rejections is requested.

It is believed that if the Patent Examiner elaborates on the rejections under 35 USC 101 and 35 USC Section 112, 2nd paragraph, it will be possible for Applicant to address those two rejections, as well as to overcome the prior art rejections under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 sufficiently to place the application in condition for allowance.

In sum, as the rejection to the Abstract as exceeding 150 words is believed to be in error, and Applicant has requested reconsideration of the rejections under 35 USC 101, Section 112, Section 102, and Section 103, all issues have been addressed.

Undersigned counsel looks forward to arranging a personal interview with the Patent Examiner before or after these issues have been addressed.

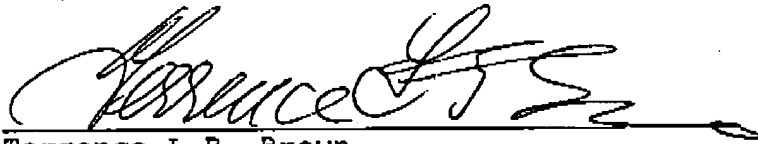
It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. However, should that determination be incorrect, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit

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Account No. 19-2105 and notify undersigned counsel in due  
course.

Should any outstanding formal matters or other issues  
remain, Examiner Whaley is requested to telephone Terrence Brown  
to address such.

Respectfully submitted,

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